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Tokyo.

29th January, 1942.

M. le Charge d'Affaires.

Following my letter dated 19th of this month, I have the honour to make known to you the attitude of the Imperial Government on the treatment of prisoners of war:-

1. The Imperial Government has not yet ratified the Convention relative to the treatment of prisoners of war of 27th July, 1929. It is, therefore, not bound by the said Convention. However, it will apply mutatis mutandis the provisions of the said Convention to English, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand prisoners of war in its hands.
2. As to the provision of food and clothing for prisoners of war, it will consider, on condition of reciprocity, the national and racial customs of the prisoners.

I would be obliged if you would bring the above-mentioned to the knowledge of the Governments of Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Signed by the Minister.

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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Hayashi Kaoru, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Chief of the Archives Section, Japanese Foreign Office and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 2 pages, dated 29 Jan., 1942, and described as follows: Statement concerning reply of Foreign Minister Togo to Argentine Charge d'Affairs in Tokyo on January 29, 1942.

I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files): Foreign Ministry.

Signed at Tokyo on this
7th day of Nov., 1946.

/s/ K. Hayashi
Signature of Official
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Witness: /s/ Nagaharu Odo

Chief, Archives Section
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, Richard H. Larsh, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this
12th day of Nov., 1946.

/s/ Richard H. Larsh
NAME
Investigator, IPS
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ Edward P. Monaghan